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BENTON COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 20, 2008

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Dear Fellow Benton County Voter:

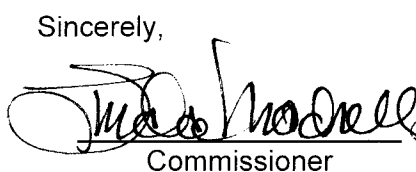
On May 20, 2008, an election will be held in Benton County. As a registered voter, you will have an opportunity to exercise your right to vote on Federal, State, County and local candidates, as well as both state and local measures that affect Oregon and Benton County.

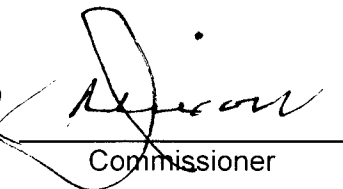
The Board of Commissioners has directed the County Clerk to publish this **Benton County Voters' Pamphlet** as a way of providing voters with useful information concerning their choices for this election. To bring this information to the voters in the most efficient way, the pamphlet will be available on our website at www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections; at the Benton County Elections Office; and will be included in each ballot envelope. A separate State Voters' Pamphlet will be sent to each household.

Please remember that all ballots **must be received at an official ballot drop site in Oregon before 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.** You can drop your ballot at one of the ballot receptacle locations listed on our website and in this pamphlet (next page). The Elections Office is located in the basement of the historic Benton County Courthouse, 120 NW 4th Street, Corvallis, Oregon.

You will also find information on registering to vote, applying for absentee ballots, marking your ballot, and obtaining a replacement ballot. We hope this information will help you become better informed about the issues in this election as you prepare to make your decisions.

Sincerely,


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

VOTE

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CITY OF ALBANY

Measure 22-77

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION:

A MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY ON CLOVER RIDGE ROAD NE

QUESTION:

Shall the 15.9 acres located on Clover Ridge Road be annexed?

SUMMARY:

Approval of this measure would annex approximately 15.9 acres to the City of Albany. The property to be annexed is located west of Clover Ridge Road.

The following described real property, all located in Linn County, Oregon, shall be annexed to the City of Albany upon obtaining favorable majority vote of the people.

The property generally located west of Clover Ridge Road NE, shown on Linn County Assessor's Map No. 11S-03W-04AB; Tax Lots 400, 500, 600, and 900, as further described in the legal description and map labeled Resolution Exhibit A. The subject area (including right-of-way) contains approximately 15.9 acres, more or less.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

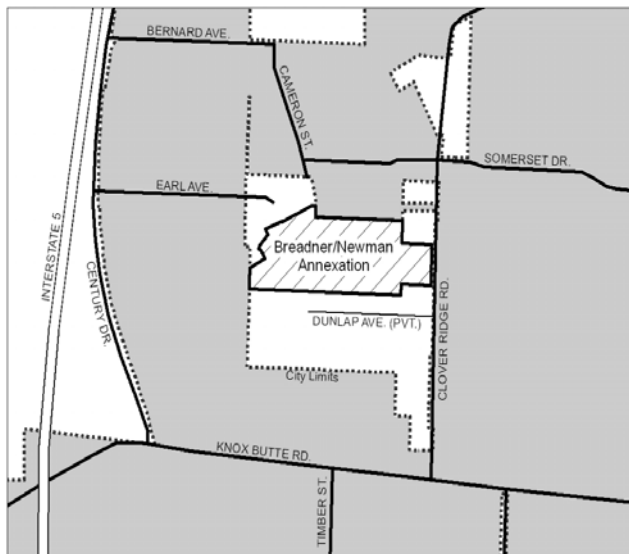
Annexation Proposal (Breadner/Newman) –

The Albany City Charter was amended in 1998 to require that annexation proposals be referred to Albany voters. Accordingly, the Albany City Council has referred to the Albany voters the question of annexation for four parcels west of Clover Ridge Road NE. The total area of the four parcels is approximately 16 acres.

The property owners are requesting annexation in order to be eligible to connect to public utilities and to further develop the site should the opportunity arise. Currently three of the parcels are each developed with one single family house, while one of the parcels is undeveloped. The applicant has applied for a concurrent zoning map amendment that, if the annexation is approved, would zone the property RS-6.5 (Single Family Residential).

If annexed, funding for any required public infrastructure improvements needed to serve new development on these properties would be the responsibility of the property owners.

(Submitted by the City of Albany)



NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

CITY OF ALBANY

Measure 22-78

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION:

MEASURE PROPOSING ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY ON DUNLAP AVENUE NE

QUESTION:

Shall the 14.9 acres located on Dunlap Avenue NE, west of Clover Ridge Road NE be annexed?

SUMMARY:

Approval of this measure would annex approximately 14.9 acres to the City of Albany. The properties to be annexed are located on Dunlap Avenue NE, west of Clover Ridge Road NE.

The following described real properties, all located in Linn County, Oregon, shall be annexed to the City of Albany upon obtaining favorable majority vote of the people.

The properties generally located on Dunlap Avenue NE, west of Clover Ridge Road NE, shown on Linn County Assessor's Map Nos. 11S-03W-04AB; Tax Lot 700, and 11S-03W-04AC; Tax Lots 100, 200, 203, 300, 400, 500, 501, and 600, as further described in the legal description labeled Resolution Exhibit A and map labeled Resolution Exhibit B of the City of Albany Resolution No. 5570. The subject area contains approximately 14.9 acres.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

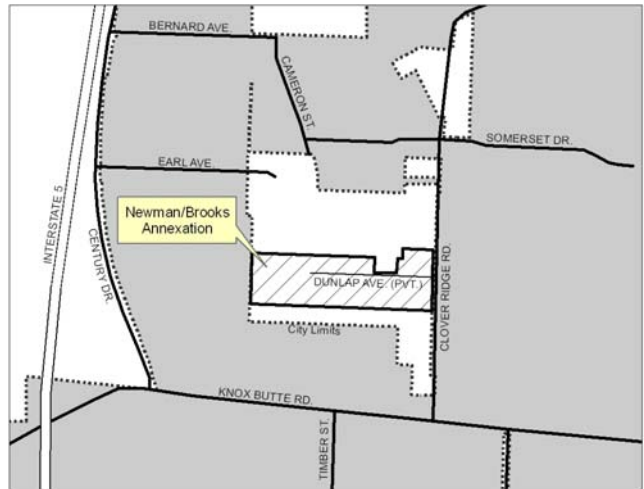
Annexation Proposal (Newman/Brooks) –

The Albany City Charter was amended in 1998 to require that annexation proposals be referred to Albany voters. Accordingly, the Albany City Council has referred to the Albany voters the question of annexation for nine parcels west of Clover Ridge Road NE. The total area of the nine parcels is approximately 15 acres.

The property owners are requesting annexation in order to be eligible to connect to public utilities and to further develop the site should the opportunity arise. Currently seven of the parcels are each developed with one single family house, while two of the parcels make up a private shared access that is called Dunlap Avenue. The applicants have applied for a concurrent zoning map amendment that, if the annexation is approved, would zone the property RS-5 (Single Family Residential) north of Dunlap Avenue, and RM (Medium Density Residential) south of Dunlap Avenue.

If annexed, funding for any required public infrastructure improvements needed to serve new development on these properties would be the responsibility of the property owners.

(Submitted by the City of Albany)



NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

BENTON COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 2



**JAY
DIXON**
DEMOCRAT

Occupation: Benton County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Business owner; Senior Officer, major banks; Chief Operating Officer, security firm; Director, Washington Criminal Justice Education and Training Center; Law Enforcement Consultant, Washington Governor's Office; Lieutenant, Seattle Police Department; Community College Instructor

Educational Background: BS, University of San Francisco; Pacific Program, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair -- County Board of Commissioners, Corvallis Budget Commission, Willamette Criminal Justice Council, Cascades West Council of Governments, Corvallis Community Policing Forum, Oregon Counties Public Safety Committee. Executive Committee -- Region 4 Workforce Investment Board, County Commission on Children and Families. Commissioner, Linn-Benton Housing Authority; Member, Corvallis School Board

Retain Jay Dixon for a Safe and Sound Benton County

Elected officials run on their record. This is mine, in the areas of emphasis where I seek to do more still, for a safer, sounder county. I've been honored to serve you, and welcome your vote to continue doing so.

Economic Vitality – Promoted a county “buy local” policy, participated in economic development planning for a robust economy, and helped increase county services while lowering the county's portion of your property taxes.

Healthcare – Helped provide affordable health care to all county residents. Fought for federal funds to open clinics in Monroe, at Lincoln School and at our health department.

Education – Worked with Oregon State University, Linn-Benton Community College and local schools to enhance opportunities. Supported Corvallis and Philomath outdoor schools and Kids Day For Conservation.

Housing – Supported Linn-Benton Housing Authority, Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, and Habitat for Humanity efforts to provide more affordable housing.

Environment – Helped open Fort Hoskins Historical Park, Beazell Memorial Forest and Fitton Green Natural Area, adding 1,000 acres of open space and parkland to our county.

Public Safety – Helped prevent and reduce crime by participating in local, state and national efforts dedicated to safety, children and juveniles, by introducing innovative programs like Children of Incarcerated Parents, and by supporting our drug treatment courts.
Sincerely, Jay Dixon

(This information furnished by Dixon for Commissioner)

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BENTON COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 3



**ANNABELLE
JARAMILLO**

DEMOCRAT

Occupation: County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Citizens' Representative for Governor Kitzhaber; research botanist; development director; civil rights advocate; teacher; diversity, motivation, employment and computer trainer

Educational Background: B.S., M.S. - Biology, Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Thirty-three years of service - local, state, and federal boards, commissions, committees. Currently on Association of Oregon Counties Public Lands Committee; Council of Forest Trust Land Counties; Governor's Law Enforcement Contact Committee; Community Services Consortium, Governing Board; Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committee; Coast Range Province Advisory Committee, Governor's Equality Task Force, Oregon Progress Board, Oregon Sustainability Board, Federal Forestlands Advisory Council.

Community Service: United Way of Benton County; Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum; American Civil Liberties Union; Mary's Peak Natural Resources Interpretive Center; Foster Grandparents; Prosperity That Fits Partnership.

Family: Richard Medley, spouse; three children, eight grandchildren.

Re-elect Annabelle Jaramillo

"When I asked for your vote in 2000, I committed to providing leadership and good stewardship for Benton County. We have worked to create a county government that supports all citizens, communities and the employees who serve them. Revenue crises forced painful choices to preserve programs for the health and safety needs of county residents. Through reorganization, diligence, creativity and old-fashioned penny-pinching, we met these challenges. I want to ensure that levied funds provide: Juvenile counseling; 24/7 Sheriff's patrol; the school resource deputy program, jail beds; and prosecution. Public health services for families; substance abuse treatment and counseling for adult drug court; and mental health treatment. I want to continue work on the county's Habitat Conservation Plan; and a countywide water policy. I want to pursue innovative funding for infrastructure and building future transportation solutions to provide economic prosperity for Benton County.

I want to continue this work! I'm committed to a vision of Benton County where we and future generations can experience rich and rewarding lives."

**Re-elect Annabelle Jaramillo –
Democrat for Benton County Commissioner**

Jaramillo for Commissioner, POB 3004-157, Corvallis, OR 97339
annabellejaramillo.com

(This information furnished by Jaramillo for Commissioner)

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Commissioner, Position 3



**CHRIS
NUSBAUM**

REPUBLICAN

Occupation: Sales Director, Salbasgeon Suites (7+ Years)

Occupational Background: Hospitality Sales/Management; U.S. Naval Officer

Educational Background: Philomath HS; OSU B.S. Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Philomath Mayor, 2002 to present; Board Member Cascade West Council of Governments

Dear Benton County Residents:

I thought that it would be appropriate to share my background with Benton County voters this primary election.

I was adopted as a newborn in 1963. My biological parents were of Native American and French decent. To this day I am thankful that my current parents decided to adopt and raise a family here in Benton County. We lived in a household located alongside Rock Creek allowing me daily exposure and appreciation of its ecosystem.

I entered into the Philomath School System at age 6 graduating at age 18. After High School I had the opportunity to fulfill my education goal of attending OSU and achieving a Degree in Political Science. I was also accepted at OSU NROTC and served in the US Naval Reserve as an Officer.

Following college, I married my high school sweetheart Kristina Olson and we set out to explore the West Coast. Upon completion of active duty, I worked at Sea World of California in the Group Sales Department and studied the ocean. After 4.5 years, I became homesick for Oregon and decided to steer my career back home to raise a family.

I shifted gears and spent nearly three years working in San Diego Resort & Convention Hotels. I learned the hospitality industry alongside people of diverse backgrounds and lifestyles before returning home.

Upon our return, my wife gave birth to our daughter Erin (now 10) and together we have experienced the joys and challenges of parenthood. I was elected Philomath's Mayor in 2002 and was re-elected in 2004 & 2006.

Throughout this election I hope to get to know all of you. With your permission, I hope to bring my experiences to Benton County Government.

Thank you!

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Chris Nusbaum)

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CITY OF CORVALLIS

City Council, Ward 7



**RICK
SCHROFF**

NON-PARTISAN

Occupation: Owner of Schroff Insurance Agency.

Occupational Background: Vice President and General Manager of Smith International Inc., Houston, Texas

Educational Background: B.Sc. from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Dear Neighbors:

I want to work for the economic success of Corvallis and my Ward 7 neighbors by serving on the City Council. I believe that through responsible stewardship we can use sustainable business practices to achieve Prosperity that Fits. This vision requires the support of outstanding City Government, viable nonprofit organizations, excellent educational opportunities for children, and a vibrant, diverse economic base. I have the needed background and volunteer leadership experience to provide a balanced voice on the Council, representing the businesses, seniors, families, children, and individuals in Ward 7 and the community at large.

My commitment to Corvallis is demonstrated through my work with and support of community organizations that include Rotary International, The Boys and Girls Club, Willamette Neighborhood Housing, First United Methodist Church, Linn-Benton Food Share, and the Chamber Coalition. I also played a lead role in the 2007 "Business is Good Tour" which promoted Corvallis to state leaders and showcased our high-tech industry. I became interested in local government through my involvement with the Government Affairs Committee at the Chamber. I own and operate Schroff Insurance Agency, a family business operating in Corvallis for over 20 years.

I am a single, widowed father with two daughters attending Corvallis High School and Linus Pauling Middle School. My son is a United States Marine Corps Officer. Corvallis has been good to my family, and I want to give back to the community. With your vote in Ward 7, I will work hard to promote a thriving business environment while honoring the exceptional livability of our community.

ELECT RICK SCHROFF. WORKING FOR WARD 7.

(This information furnished by Rick Schroff)

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City Council, Ward 7



**JEANNE
RAYMOND**

NON-PARTISAN

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: A teacher and educator for thirty years in Minnesota and Oregon, including ten years in Corvallis; a Recreation Director for the City of Portland for 5 years.

Educational Background: BA Education, St. Olaf College, MN; Graduate studies, education and counseling, University of Minnesota, Portland State University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct committee person.

Effective Leadership: Benton County Bill of Rights Defense Committee, OSU Crossroads International Host Program, Uzhgorod Sister City Student Exchange Program, Corvallis Community Peace Programs, Portland Audubon Society Conservation Chairperson.

I am seeking your vote and support so that I may represent your voice on the Corvallis City Council. As City Councilor I would be honored to listen to your concerns and ideas that could make our wonderful city even better. I will be able to work well with Mayor Tomlinson, the Council, the City manager, and the many dedicated citizen groups, for the benefit of all of the residents of Corvallis.

Issues that I think need a strong voice include:

- **Sustainable Prosperity.** I will work to ensure that the growth that occurs in Corvallis is "good" growth that benefits the city environmentally, socially, and economically. I support the innovative work of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, the Corvallis 2020 Vision Statement, the Economic Vitality Partnership, and the Prosperity that Fits plan.
- **Prosperity for All.** I will support the local business interests, and the artistic, cultural, social, recreational and environmental aspects that make our city a model in enjoyable, healthy, and safe livability. As Corvallis prospers, I will work to ensure that our economic growth benefits all; including our business area, our children, seniors, students, the homeless, the hungry, and those that have special needs. We are all connected.
- **Dynamic Cultural Diversity.** Corvallis is a city rich with a diversity of cultures. I will work to ensure that all are treated equally and with dignity, and are encouraged to participate.

(This information furnished by Jeanne Raymond for City Council)

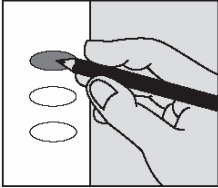
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CASTING YOUR BALLOT AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

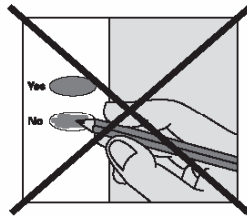
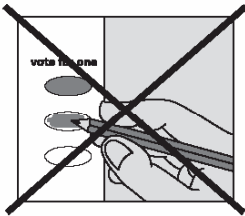
check your ballot!

Use a pen or pencil to fill in the ovals next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both Yes and No** on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

Contact Benton County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- you lose your ballot

Benton County Elections

Phone: (541) 766-6756
Fax: (541) 766-6757
TTY: (541) 766-6080
Email: bcelections@co.benton.or.us

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What do I do when a ballot for someone else is delivered to my home?

A. It is important that you **DO NOT THROW THE BALLOT AWAY**. Write on the envelope that the person is no longer at that address and **PUT IT BACK INTO THE MAIL**. Postage is not needed. Once our office has received the undeliverable ballot you will stop receiving them.

Q. I forgot to put my ballot in the secrecy envelope. Will you count my ballot?

A. Yes. We recommend that voters use the secrecy envelope. You can open the ballot return envelope, place your ballot in the secrecy envelope and reseal it. Write "Opened By Voter" along the portion that you opened and sign your full name there as well. That way we will know that the voter was the one who opened the ballot and can count it. However, if your ballot comes back without a secrecy envelope, it will still be counted.

Q. How do you know I am the one who voted my ballot?

A. The signature on EACH ballot return envelope is verified. Elections staff compares the signature on your ballot return envelope with the signature on your Voter Registration Card. If the signatures do not match we will contact you to help us resolve the issue. **Remember:** Even a person with a Power of Attorney cannot sign your ballot. Only you can.

Q. When do election results become available and how can I find out what they are?

A. Election results are available on the Benton County Elections website at: www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections after 8 PM and as results become available.

Benton County ballots returned to other counties are forwarded to Benton County for tally after Election Day.

The election cannot be certified until after all voters whose signatures were challenged have had an opportunity to resolve the challenge.

VOTER REGISTRATION, BALLOT INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

VOTING AND BALLOT INFORMATION

Who is qualified to vote: In order to receive a ballot voters must be registered to vote in their county of residence no later than 21 days prior to the election. However, if a registered voter moves within the State of Oregon, that voter can update his/her voter registration information and receive a ballot up until **8:00 PM on Election Day, which is May 20, 2008.** Voter Registration Forms are available at our website www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections or at any elections office.

Absentee Ballots: It is against the law to have anyone forward a ballot to you. Even the United States Postal Service will not forward a ballot. If you will be out of the area during the election period and would like to receive a ballot, contact our office or go to our website at www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections for a form to request that an "Absentee Ballot" be sent directly to you.

If you lose your ballot or make a mistake while voting it: If your ballot is lost, destroyed, damaged, or you made a mistake in marking your ballot, you may contact the Benton County Elections Office to request a replacement ballot. The replacement ballot will be mailed to you, as long as your request is received no later than the 5th day before Election Day. After the 5th day before the election, you may pick up a ballot by coming to the Benton County Elections Office.

If you have already mailed your original ballot before you realize you made a mistake, your ballot has been cast, and you are not eligible for a replacement ballot.

In order for your ballot to be counted it must be returned to any elections office or official ballot dropsite in the State of Oregon, **no later than 8:00 PM Election Day, May 20, 2008.**

Postmarks DO NOT count!

Ballots must be returned enclosed in the official ballot return envelope and **signed by the voter** in order to be counted. Even people with Power of Attorney do not have authority to sign another person's ballot.

Use a **PEN OR PENCIL** to vote your ballot.

If you have other questions about voter registration, your ballot, or voting in Benton County you are encouraged to call 541 766-6756.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Benton County Elections Website

The website is an excellent source of information concerning voter registration, absentee voting, frequently asked questions, and links to other local, state, and federal election officials. You will also find election specific information such as election filings, results, voter turnout and this voters' pamphlet on our website www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections.

Voters with Disabilities

If you need help voting because of a disability, contact the Benton County Elections Office. Deputized elections staff is available to assist you in casting a ballot; or ask about alternate voting formats.

Benton County Elections Office

Phone: 541 766-6756
 TTY: 541 766-6080
 Fax: 541 766-6757
 Website: www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections
 Email: bcelections@co.benton.or.us

State of Oregon

Phone: 1 866 673-8683
 Website: www.oregonvotes.org
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Información en Español

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llame al: 541 766-6756
 TTY: 541 766-6080
 limitaciones auditivas
 o al numero gratis: 1 866 673-8683

Condado: www.co.benton.or.us/admin/elections
 Estado: www.oregonvotes.org

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Oregon Voter Registration Card

you may use this card to:

- register to vote in Oregon
The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election.
- change your name, mailing address, residence address or political party affiliation on your voter registration
- become eligible to sign petitions, including initiative, referendum and recall petitions

how to register to vote

- Fill out the form using black pen and print clearly.
If the form is incomplete, it may be rejected.
- Sign the form.
- Mail or drop off the completed form at your County Elections Office.
Addresses are on the back of this form.

Your County Elections Office will mail you a Voter Notification Card to confirm your registration.

selecting a political party

Some political parties require you to be registered in their party to vote for their candidates at a Primary Election.

identification

New laws require that people must provide identifying information to register to vote.

If you have a current, valid Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID, you must provide that number in section 4.

A suspended Driver's License is still valid, a revoked Driver's License is NOT valid

If you do not have a current, valid Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number in section 4a.

*If you do not have a current, valid Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID or a Social Security number, you must affirm this by marking the boxes in sections 4 and 4a, and if you are registering by mail, you must provide a **copy** of one of the following:*

- valid photo identification
- a paycheck stub
- a utility bill
- a bank statement
- a government document
- proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH)

assistance

If, because of a disability, you need assistance registering to vote or voting please contact your County Elections Official.

for more information:

call 1 866 ORE VOTES/673 8683 **visit** www.oregonvotes.org **tty** 1 866 350 0596
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1 qualifications *If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.*

- Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no
Are you at least 17 years of age? yes no

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

2 personal information **denotes optional information*

name last	first	middle		
Oregon residence address (include apt. or space number)			city	zip code
date of birth (month/day/year)		county of residence*		
phone number*		email address*		
mailing address (required if different than residence address)		city	zip code	

3 political party *choose one of the following:*

- Constitution Party Democratic Party Independent Party
 Libertarian Party Pacific Green Party Republican Party
 Working Families Party Not a member of a party Other _____

4 Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID number *If you fill in this section, do not send a copy of ID.*

valid Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID number

- Mark here only if you **do not have** a valid Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID and go to step 4a.

4a last four digits of Social Security number *If you fill in this section, do not send a copy of ID.*

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last four digits of Social Security number

- Mark here only if you **do not have** a valid Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID or a Social Security number. If you are registering by mail, please include a copy of acceptable identification, listed to the left.

5 signature *I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.*

sign here _____ date today _____

- !** *If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.*

6 registration updates *If you are previously registered and updating your information, fill out this section.*

previous registration name	previous county and state
home address on previous registration	date of birth (month/day/year)

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